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Irregularities in Advancing and Waiving of Loans by Nationalised Banks

430. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding irregularities in grant and waiving of loans by nationalised banks in Ranchi (Bihar), Deoria and Ballia districts of Uttar Pradesh and Cuttack district of Orissa during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) the number of officers found guilty; and

(f) the action taken or proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (f). The complaints relating to sanctioning, disbursement and waiver of loans and alleged irregularities by nationalised banks received from various parts of the country including those from Ranchi (Bihar), Deoria and Ballia (U.P.) and Cuttack (Orissa), by Government and RBI are taken up with the concerned public sector banks for remedial action. As regards write off of bad debts and losses and compromise proposals, RBI has advised the banks to delegate powers to its various functionaries for speedier disposal of such cases. During course of inspection of banks, RBI also comes across various deficiencies prevailing in banks regarding credit appraisal and other matters. Appropriate action in accordance with the laid down rules and procedures is taken by banks against the employees including officers who are found guilty.

12.00 hrs

[*English*]

SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT (Ponnani) : Is the Home Minister making a statement on Varanasi?

MR. SPEAKER: The Home Minister has come to me and has said that his statement is ready. I said that the should give me a copy and then only will I allow. He is ready.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : I am calling one after the other. First Shri K. Venkatgiri Gowda.

PROF. K. VENKATGIRI GOWDA (Bangalore South) : I would like to raise a point with regard to the damage caused to the people and the economy of Karnataka by the fury of the cyclonic rains and storms. As everybody knows cyclonic storms and rains lashed Karnataka in October and November this year. The rains were both continuous and torrential. As the saying goes, it did not rain; but poured. The worst affected segments were the low-lying areas of the State. The rivers were in spate and the floods damaged the houses and crops on the banks of the rivers causing incalculable damage to crops and property and death of cattle and sheep. The loss due to floods and rains estimated to be over Rs. 75 crores.

Quite apart from this, the Bangalore city is the worst affected. Over one third of the population of the city lives in slums and